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TITLE: CONFECTIONERY MADE FROM HERBAL MIXTURES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

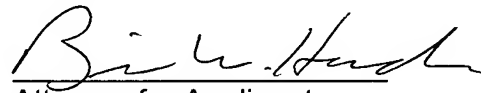
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies, characterizing language and other informalities. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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